

TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
(As Amended at ARRS, September 14, 2021)

301 KAR 2:260. Crow hunting season.

RELATES TO: KRS 150.105, 150.170, 150.175, 150.235, 150.330, 150.340, 150.990

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025~~[150.045]~~, 150.105, 150.170, 150.175, 150.340, ~~[150.600, 150.630]~~

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: **KRS 150.025 authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to promulgate administrative regulations establishing requirements for hunting. This administrative regulation establishes seasons and other requirements for the taking of crow.**~~**[This administrative regulation pertains to seasons for the taking of crow. The framework of this administrative regulation falls within the season guidelines prescribed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The function of this administrative regulation is to provide for the prudent taking of crows within reasonable seasonal restrictions based upon an adequate supply.]**~~

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Blind" means any form of concealing enclosure, including a pit, or anchored, stationary, or drifting boat from which hunting occurs.

(2) "Decoy" means any type of visual device used to entice crows~~[birds]~~ into shooting range.

(3) "Call" means any type of auditory device used to attract crows into shooting range.

(4) "Depredation" means any act committed by crows which would result in a damage or economic loss of ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, or wildlife, or when crows are concentrated in ~~[such]~~ numbers that~~[as to]~~ constitute a health hazard or other nuisance.

Section 2. Crow Hunting Requirements. (1) Seasons: September 1 through November 7 and January 4 through the last day of February.

(2) Shooting hours: one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until sunset.

(3) Individuals~~[Persons]~~ taking crows shall~~[must]~~ have a valid hunting license.

(4) Crow hunters may use mechanical or electronic calling devices during the open season.

Section 3. Acts of Depredation. (1) Individuals~~[Persons]~~ may take crows committing or about to commit acts of depredation during the closed season.

(2) Persons taking depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls, or other means of luring the birds into shooting range during the closed season.

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